

Remarks

Currently pending are claims 1 and 7-11. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claims 3 and 6. Additional support can be found at, for example, page 5, lines 1-16 and page 7, lines 15-16.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and claims 1-3, 5-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that a denim fabric is used in the claimed method and therefore the warp yarn and weft yarn consist of cotton (see page 1, lines 23-25 of the present application). Moreover, Applicants have amended claim 1 to particularly point out that the cotton warp yarn is interwoven with the natural white cotton weft yarn. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lund et al. (US Pat No 5,958,082) in view of Womble (US Pat No 3,043,645), claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lund et al. in view of Womble and further in view of Dixon (US Pat No 5,460,966), and claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Besnara et al. (US Pat No 5,667,530) in view of Finlayson, III et al. (US Pat No 4,351,638) and Womble.

In the Office Communication mailed August 18, 2006, the Examiner indicated claim 6 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. In view of the amendments above, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot.

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